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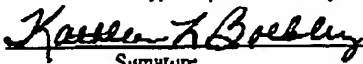
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This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 6, 2006, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on September 6, 2006. This paper is filed within the set period for response such that no extension of time is necessary.

Please consider the following amendments and/or remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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